

# Efficiency Solutions and Circular Systems Committee (2023-2025) on 2024-11-18 1:30 PM

Meeting Time: 11-18-24 13:30

## eComments Report

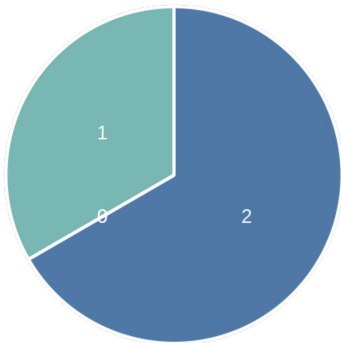
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### Sentiments for All Meetings

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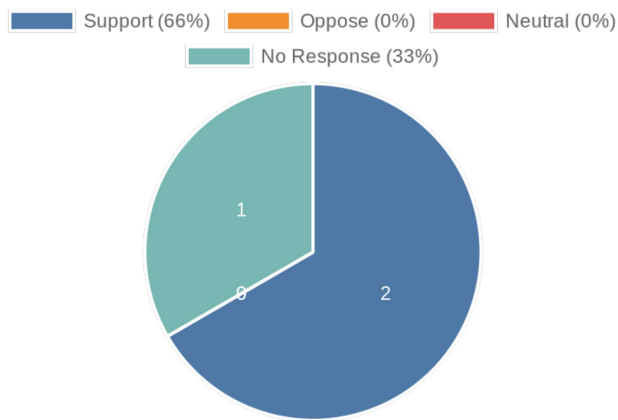
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
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ESCS-8 Bill 136 (2024) BILL 136 (2024), AMENDING TITLE 20, MAUI COUNTY CODE, ESTABLISHING A CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCY PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF MAUI (ESCS-8)	2	1	0	0

## Sentiments for All Agenda Items

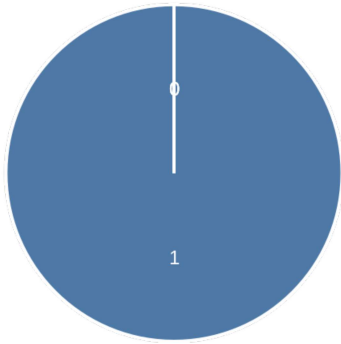
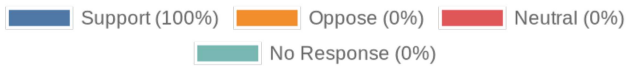
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Agenda Item: eComments for A G E N D A

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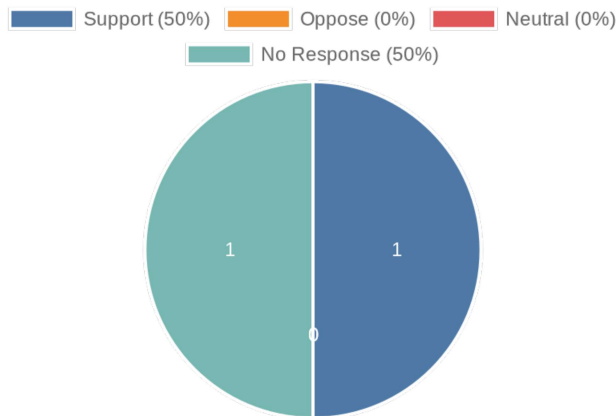
**Guest User**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:30pm 11-18-24

My name is Cristina De Leon and I represent the Teran James Young Foundation. I support the passing of the CARP as a living document to be adjusted as needed. The time to fight climate change is now and the passing of the CARP is a vital first step.

## Overall Sentiment



## ESCS Committee

Location:

Submitted At: 4:24pm 11-18-24

Testimonies received from ESCS committee

## Guest User

Location:

Submitted At: 7:25am 11-18-24

Aloha Council Members and Community,

## Introduction

My name is Darla Palmer-Ellingson, and I am writing in favor of Bill 136 regarding Maui County's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan, also known as CARP. Appreciation goes to CM. Rawlins-Fernandez for bringing this to the County of Maui Council's Efficiency Solutions and Circular Systems Committee.

Serving as the communication coordinator for the planning process, under contractor Sustainable Pacific, I attended, facilitated or supported the majority of meetings and planning efforts of CARP and am sharing my insight. Today you have an opportunity to support a plan that benefits both development and business interests, as well as environmental and cultural interests.

I am reaching out to ask for your support to get this plan adopted and reestablish a Climate Change, Resiliency and Sustainability office.

## Summary

CARP is a well thought-out, researched plan with valuable data, driven by industry and community input. It is coordinated with State and local plans and UN Sustainable Development goals. It provides a detailed roadmap for future decision making, but the adoption does not obligate the County financially. Timing is critical, as there is federal and other funding sources available specifically for priorities identified in CARP.

## Background

In January, 2023, the County's Office of Climate Change, Resiliency and Sustainability was eliminated by a new administration. The County Council did not retain its Climate Action, Resiliency and Environment committee. Other than requesting updates on the unapproved draft CARP by Council, nothing has been done on plan priorities in the past 2 years. The extensive website built and published to communicate and gain input about CARP data, plans and activities, including ESRI mapping capabilities, was removed from the internet.

Over two years of diligent work, at a significant budget, went into the CARP draft, with professional contractors involved, a steering committee of diverse stakeholders, outreach and community meetings and more. The plan is not perfect. But what the plan does have is over 65 pages of action items, identified by category, and carefully evaluated to identify key partners, priority for action, equity impacts, GHG reduction potential, expected level of difficulty to implement, and time frame for implementation.

Between pages 47 and 176 of CARP you will see Mitigation Strategies and Actions, including

- Municipal
- Building Energy
- Transportation
- Waste
- Agriculture, Land Use & Natural Resources
- Outreach and Education

Between page 177 and 242 are Resiliency Strategies and Actions, including:

- Secure our people
- Infrastructure
- Natural systems
- Funding and implementation

Each one has an estimated cost of implementation ranking. More precise budgets for the actions within the CARP will need to be developed as each action moves closer to implementation. Think about how much our economy has shifted over the past two years- to have researched and assigned estimated dollar figures at the time would have already been inaccurate. To have gone into more detail on each item would have made an extremely long document, but with this priority roadmap, those plans and budgets can be built. Many state and local plans start this way, and grow with continued input.

#### Moving forward

One of the most important reasons for adopting the plan now is access to Federal grants and other funding. The last four years have been rich with climate sustainability and resiliency funding through foundations and under the federal Build Back Better program, including the grants enabled by the Inflation Reduction Act, and other programs. Now more than ever, we need to secure available funds for our greatest sustainability and resiliency needs. The first step is to put the CARP plan in place so the County can point to an approved plan when applying for funds. It is also hoped that an Office of Climate Change, Resiliency and Sustainability would be reestablished under the County's Department of Management. This structure would be enduring, and not vulnerable to changes in administration. When another disaster occurs, this office would serve as a collaborative and important partner for our community's future safety and wellbeing.

We can significantly support and reinforce a circular economy by fostering systems that reduce waste, maximize resource efficiency, and promote economic growth through sustainable practices. Economically, having this plan in place opens doors for new green industry and job opportunities, incentivizing innovation and attracting investments in research and development. Developing funding for sustainable infrastructure will reduce long-term operating costs, enhance energy security, and create jobs in construction and maintenance. Tapping into external funding reduces the financial burden on our local government and fosters collaboration with innovative companies.

The World Economic Forum predicts that "Green Collar" jobs are the next positive labor market revolution. Enhancing and transitioning blue-collar roles, with funding for training and education, is particularly attractive for Maui, as it directly supports jobs such as construction and maintenance. We have long struggled with diversifying our economy. This is a pathway to obtain support for green industries, including in the energy sector, and also foster remote work.

Approving the CARP does not obligate the Council financially. It just opens the door to move forward. Please vote to advance acceptance of Maui's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan today. We cannot afford to let the valuable work of this plan sit on the shelf for another two years.

Best regards,  
Darla Palmer-Ellingson  
360 Green Living  
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## ESCS Committee

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**From:** Ted Ralston <ted.ralston@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 1:29 PM  
**To:** ESCS Committee; Gary Albitz; Joshua Cooper  
**Subject:** Testimony Monday 17th FOR Bill 136

You don't often get email from ted.ralston@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Honorable Council members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Ted Ralston, Director Hawaii Pacific Advisory Group, and activity of NHO Hawaii Pacific Foundation (HPF), speaking in support of Bill 136.

HPF exists to create a brighter future for Hawaiian communities through financial support in the areas of Education, STEM, and Community Involvement.

We jumped in right after the fire filling gaps that were apparent to our on-ground team led by George Purdy, such as initial aerial surveys, drone surveys, PPE supply, and listening. We have since spun off a non-profit called Imua Onipa'a to develop careers for Maui people by providing training in STEM processes that can help with these gaps, intending to increase Island capacity and reduce risk to disaster.

We do see the Community Resilience plan as a major move forward in mitigating future all-hazards risk, completely in line with the Foundations goals, thus applying Imua Onipa'a STEM-based AI efforts towards advancing that Plan - and others to follow - is important to us.

Gary Albitz of Imua Onipa'a can speak on the specifics of how analysis accelerates and strengthens plans like Community Resilience by discovering interdependencies and comparing to other similar plans, establishing next steps.

Mahalo

Ted Ralston  
808.738.6814

## Maui County Climate Resiliency Acton Plan

Imagine a future where there is too much water submerging our beaches, hotels, and houses and TOO litter water to supply those residents, farms, and schools that are still above the ocean level.

A future where it is hotter for months longer and the plants can't survive or they turn into tiki torches. Imagine a future where Maui is no longer the attractive paradise that it has been. Maui needs its own Climate and Resilience Action Plan.

I have analyzed dozens of other city, county, state and country plans in order to determine that Maui Nui is unique enough that it needs its own plan. There are many world-wide best practices that Maui Nui and its residents could leverage and benefit from in order to get the most effective results.

There are also funding sources that could assist in paying for the implementation of Maui Nui's plan, if it exists. Got to have a plan to request money.

It has to be a SMART plan with Accountability, Responsibility, Funding, and Measurable Metrics. Although Maui is small and remote enough that it can not reverse impending Climate changes, it will need a specific plan to accommodate and adjust for future impacts.

This might be how we reduce the tourist impact but I think that the resulting economic desert would hurt local residents much much more.

Stay tuned, I'm working on a financial model for this plan.

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(Gary Albitz)



## ESCS Committee

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**From:** County Clerk  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 3:15 PM  
**To:** ESCS Committee  
**Subject:** FW: testimony support Bill 136

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**From:** scyoung@mind.net <scyoung@mind.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2024 3:05 PM  
**To:** County Clerk <County.Clerk@mauicounty.us>; Keani N. Rawlins <Keani.Rawlins@mauicounty.us>  
**Subject:** testimony support Bill 136

Aloha

I was unable to testify and get on the meeting because the link was not working today for the meeting of ESCS meeting

Nov 18.

Therefore I'm sending in testimony now in support of the the climate action and resilience plan being passed so we have a framework in place that we can work on and improve over time. I support Bill 136.

Genesis S. Young

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